

9 FAM PART IV APPENDIC C, AUSTRALIA

(TL:VISA-299; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [A]
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [A]
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [A]
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	\$105.00 [B]	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	\$105.00 [B]	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
F-1	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]]	\$105.00 [C	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	\$105.00 [C	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	\$105.00 [D]	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	\$105.00 [D]	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	105.00 [D]	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	\$105.00 [D]	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	\$105.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

(A) Tiered Fee Schedule: B-1/B-2 visa valid for 60 months, multiple entries, USD 25.00 or multiple entries for 12 months, no fee.

(B) 48 months for the actual investor and immediate family; 24 months for other employees and dependents.

(C) High school students or USG sponsored or assisted students -- No fee.

(D) For groups of ten or more, the maximum total issuance fee cannot exceed 1,050 USD.

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Routine outside security clearances have been discontinued at all posts in Australia. The Consulate General in Sydney is the central clearance post for all of Australia with the exception of the Perth consular district. Outside clearances will be performed only on request and will require a minimum of eight weeks to complete.

For clearance from Sydney: If no outside clearance is desired, a CLASS name check is sufficient for an IV clearance. Posts without CLASS should send a VISAS ALPHA telegram. Posts requesting outside clearance should ensure that the applicants have a full set of fingerprint impressions taken which must be certified by a police official at their nearest police station. The fingerprint chart should be sent with a letter requesting a national fingerprint check for immigration purposes to the United States. The letter should contain the applicant's full name, date and place of birth, sex, name and address of the office requesting the certificate, a copy of a

driver's license and/or passport, etc., and an international draft/money order in Australian dollars, made payable to the appropriate Australian police headquarters. The money order must be endorsed to an Australian bank. As foreign currency will not be accepted, the application with all accompanying documents will be returned to the requester if payment is not received in Australian dollars.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

The following information is applicable throughout Australia.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. A military discharge certificate issued by any branch of the armed forces prior to 1991 will normally state the length of service and indicate whether the discharge was honorable or dishonorable. If the discharge certificate has been lost or does not indicate whether the discharge was honorable or dishonorable, an applicant may write to the relevant branch of the armed forces that will issue a letter providing this information:

Air Force: Directorate of Personnel, Airmen, E-2-32 (Russell Offices, Canberra, ACT 2600.

Army: Discharge cell, Soldiers' Career Management Agency, BPO Box 1932-R, Melbourne, VIC.

Navy: Directorate of Sailors' Posting, D-2-25, Canberra, ACT 2600.

Requests for such information should be made to the Secretary of that department. All information furnished should be treated as confidential.

Police Certificate

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. A fingerprint-based police certificate from any state other than Western Australia will serve as a national police certificate for any applicant born during or after 1941. Certificates from Western Australia, however, generally reflect convictions in that state only. Thus, if an applicant had residence in Western Australia and another Australian state or territory, the applicant should present a certificate from Western Australia and the other state; the latter certificate will reflect fingerprint-based

convictions nationwide, except Western Australia. Male applicants born before 1941 in all cases must present police certificates from each state in which they resided. When applying for a police certificate from outside Australia, fees should be made payable to the appropriate state police headquarters in the form of an international bank check in Australia dollars only.

Court Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Whereas a police certificate will show the offense committed and the penalty imposed, it will not show the section of law under which convicted, nor the value of any goods involved. Applicants can obtain Certificates of Conviction by writing directly to the court involved, giving the full name, the nature of the offense, and the date of the court appearance that will show on the police certificate. The fee varies and the specific information required should be requested. Some courts destroy or retire minor records after a number of years, but the court can confirm that the record is unavailable. Verbatim transcripts are available in some cases.

Marriage Certificate

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available. Application for marriage certificates should be made directly to the Registrar of Marriages in the State or Territorial capitals.

Divorce Decree

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available. The law and practice in respect to the issuance of divorce decrees absolute vary in each State or Territory. The general procedure is to issue a formal document to the person seeking the relief (that is, the petitioner or plaintiff). The respondent may obtain a copy. The usual practice is to supply copies of decrees absolute, or certificates that a decree has been made absolute, to parties to the suit only.

Australian Capital Territory

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. The applicant is requested to apply in person to have his or her fingerprints taken at the City Police Station, London Circuit, Canberra, ACT 2601, telephone no. (02) 6256-7777 (ask for City Station). At the time the fingerprints are taken, the applicant will be asked to complete and sign a "Consent to Obtain Personal Information" form and pay the required fee.

If previously taken fingerprints are submitted, the applicant is still required to contact the city station to submit the fingerprint form, obtain and complete the "Consent to Obtain Personal Information" form, and pay the required fee. If residing overseas, the applicant should contact the city station to request procedures for applying for issuance of this certificate. A fee will be assessed if the Australian Federal Police take the fingerprints.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. When a Decree Nisi is made absolute, a certificate may be obtained from the Registrar of the Court in Canberra that granted the decree. This will be either the Family Court of Australia - Canberra Registry or the Supreme Court of the ACT. Additional copies of the certificate can be supplied if one is lost or destroyed. Information in respect of decrees absolute of dissolution or annulment of marriage may be obtained from the Registrar in Divorce, Supreme Court, Canberra.

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, P.O. Box 788, Canberra City ACT 2601. The request for a certificate should include the complete name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name) and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There are two types of certificates: the 'full certificate' and the 'extract form'. There is a fee for the full certificate and an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate, since this will contain biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

New South Wales

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Issued by the N.S.W. Police Service, Criminal Records Unit, P.O. Box 7777, Parramatta, N.S.W. 2124, Australia. A letter stating that a police clearance check is required for immigration to the United States should be sent with a set of fingerprints taken and certified by a police official. The applicant's date of birth, sex and name and address of the authority requesting the certificate must be furnished with the appropriate fee. Phone No. (02) 9689 7682.

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Principal Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, G.P.O. Box 30, Sydney, N.W.W. 2001. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name) and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage, or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There is a fee for this service and an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate, since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

Divorce Decree

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Copies of decrees for divorce actions filed prior to June 1, 1976, can be obtained by writing to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Family Law Division, G.P.O. Box 3, Sydney, N.S.W. Copies of a divorce filed subsequent to January 5, 1976, can be obtained by writing to the Family Law Court of Australia, G.P.O. Box 9991, Sydney, N.S.W. 2001 or to the Family Law Court of Australia, P.O. Box 399, Parramatta, N.S.W. 2124. Persons desiring copies of decrees should furnish the full names of the parties involved and the dates and places that the proceedings were commenced and when the decree was granted.

Court Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Applicants should communicate directly with the Clerk of the Court where the conviction occurred. In submitting a request, the full name of the person should be furnished, the date the conviction occurred and the nature of the offense. Fees for court records vary depending upon the length of the court record.

Adoption Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Unavailable. In New South Wales, Adoption Orders are made in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Equity Division. The Court does not issue a copy of the Adoption Order to the adoptive parent(s). The Court sends a Memorandum of Adoption to the Principal Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in New South Wales, and a further copy is provided for the similar authority if the child was born in another State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Principal Registrar can only issue a birth certificate in the child's "adopted" name showing the adoptive parents as natural parents. The new birth certificate is not distinguishable from any other original birth registration, and gives no evidence of adoption.

In order to meet other requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in processing the Form I-600 petition, the adoptive parent(s) should write to the adoption authority in New South Wales. A statement that the adoption was finalized should be requested, and that the natural parent(s) did, in fact, irrevocably release the child for adoption prior to the making of the Order of Adoption. The name and address of the New South Wales Adoption authority is: Adoption Branch, Department of Youth and Community Services, Box 3485, Parramatta, N.S.W. 2124.

There are cases, however, where the Court can dispense with the written consent of the natural parent(s) and still allow an Order of Adoption of full force and effect to be made. These children may actually be orphans, wards of the State, or the surviving parent(s) may be incapable of making a decision to release the child for adoption. Post has been unable to definitively ascertain how specific the information furnished will be without referral to a particular case.

Northern Territory

Police Certificate

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Applicants must complete an "Authority to Release Criminal History" form (available from the Northern Territory Police Stations) and forward it to The Officer in Charge, Information Bureau, Berrimah Police Complex, P.O. Box 39764, Winnellie, NT 0821, Australia. Phone No. (08) 8922-3344.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available. The prison record will appear on the police certificate.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, P.O. Box 3021, Darwin N.T. 0801. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name), and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There is a fee for this service and an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Family Court Registry, P.O. Box 9991, Darwin, N.T. 0801. Full names of the parties involved and the date of the divorce must be furnished.

Queensland

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Residents and former residents must send a completed set of fingerprints taken by the local police officials in the area where the applicant is currently residing. The fingerprints must be accompanied by a completed "Application and Identification" form available from the Queensland Police Department. The completed form, fingerprints, copy of identification and fee should be mailed to: Visa Section, Queensland Police Service, GPO Box 1440, QLD 4001, Australia. Telephone: (07) 3364 6105.

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Registrar General, P.O. Box 188, Brisbane Albert Street, QLD 4002. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name) and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage, or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There is a fee for this service as well as an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

South Australia

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Applicants must apply for a National Police Clearance Certificate. To obtain this certificate they are requested to obtain an "Application for Personal Information" form from any police station in South Australia. The form will need to be completed fully in the presence of a police member who is required to witness the signature and sight appropriate identification. Only personal application can be made. If residing interstate or overseas, applicants are to contact the Records Release Unit on telephone no. (08) 8204 2455 to arrange for an application form and accompanying procedures will be mailed or faxed to them. A postal address must be supplied.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Unavailable.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Principal Registrar, G.P.O. Box 1351, Adelaide S.A. 5001. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name) and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage, or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There is a fee for this service and an additional fee for priority

issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. A record of a divorce that was instituted prior to January 1, 1976, is obtainable from the Supreme Court, 1 Gouger Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000. Copies of divorces that were instituted after January 1, 1976, are obtainable from the Family Law Court, 25 Grenfill Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5001. Full names of the parties involved and the date and place of the divorce must be furnished.

Tasmania

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Applicants residing in Hobart should appear in person to be fingerprinted at the Tasmanian police headquarters in Hobart. Applicants who reside outside Hobart should forward a set of fingerprints taken by their local police department and a request for the issuance of a Tasmanian police certificate to the Commissioner of Police, G.P.O Box 308C, Hobart, TAS 7001, Australia.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Unavailable.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Registrar General, G.P.O. Box 875J, Hobart, TAS 7001. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name), and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage, or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the

marriage. There is a fee for this service and an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Copies of divorces prior to January 1, 1976, are available from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, G.P.O. Box 167B, Hobart, TAS 7001. Copies of divorces subsequent to January 1, 1976 are obtainable from the Family Law Court, G.P.O. Box 9991, Hobart, TAS, 7001. Full names of the parties involved and the date and place of the divorce must be furnished.

Victoria

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available only to applicants who have had their seventeenth (17th) birthday. Residents of Victoria should phone their nearest police station to arrange for an appointment to have fingerprints taken. Alternatively, they can contact the Information Services section on (03) 9247 5907. The Information Services section will provide fingerprints on an appointment basis only. Victoria police "Consent to Check and Release Criminal Record Form" must be completed and forwarded to the Manager, Information Services Section, Central records Branch, Victoria Police Center, P.O. Box 415, Melbourne 3005, Australia, with proof of identity, fingerprints and check or money order made payable to Victoria Police.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available from the Department of Justice Victoria, Correctional Services Division, 20 Albert Road, South Melbourne, VIC 3205. Application should include the applicant's full name, aliases, date and place of birth and dates and places of imprisonment.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, G.P.O. Box 4332, Melbourne, VIC 3001. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name), and the date and place of the action, i.e., birth, marriage, or death. Requests for marriage certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage. There is a fee for this service and an additional fee for priority issuance (24 hours). It is necessary to obtain the full certificate since this contains biographic details not shown on the extract form. Requests for certificates normally take 5-10 working days to process. All requests for certificates should contain the requester's relationship to the subject and the reason for the request.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Copies of divorces that occurred prior to January 1, 1976, are obtainable from the Supreme Court, William Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000. Copies of divorces that occurred after January 1, 1976, are obtainable from the Family Law Court, G.P.O. Box 991, Melbourne, VIC, 3001. Full names of the parties involved and the date and place of the divorce must be furnished.

Western Australia

Police Certificate

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Police certificates may be obtained by making application personally at any police station throughout the state. Suitable identification (i.e., driver's license, passport, etc.) is to be produced at the time of making application together with the required fee. Certificates are issued on a name search only. Processed applications will be forwarded by mail to the address nominated on the application. The Western Australian Police Service does not conduct fingerprint searches. Upon request to the U.S. Consulate General in Perth, they will advise on the procedures to obtain a fingerprint search. Inquiries should be directed to telephone number (08) 9231 9400.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Shown on police certificate.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available from the Registrar General, Westralia Square, 141 St. George's Terrace, Perth WA. 6000. (P.O. Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850). Processing time: Approximately 1 week. There is a search fee for each 5 years and a fee for extra copies of documents. Also, fees vary for either a certified copy or an extract copy.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available from the Family Court of Western Australia, 150 Terrace Road, Perth, WA 6000 or Supreme Court, Stirling Gardens Barrack St., Perth, WA 6000, depending on which court adjudicated the divorce. Divorce applications filed before June 1, 1976, may be obtained from the Supreme Court. Divorce applications after that date may be obtained from the Family Court.

Norfolk Island

Police Certificate

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-93)

Available from the Officer in Charge of Police, Taylor's Rao, Norfolk Island via International Mail Centre 2899. In requesting the certificate, the person's full name, date and place of birth must be furnished.

Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Obtainable from the Registrar of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Kingston, Norfolk Island, 2899. The request for a certificate should include the full name of the requester, parents' names (including mother's maiden name), and the date and place of the action (i.e., birth, death, marriage or divorce). Requests for marriage or divorce certificates must include full information about both parties to the marriage and/or divorce.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Obtainable from the Clerk of the Court of Petty Sessions. Full details including names of parties to the divorce and the date it occurred must be furnished.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-250; 04-02-2001)

Canberra (E) No visa service
Address: APO AP 96549-7800

Melbourne (CG) NIV Only
Address: APO AP 96551-0002

Perth (CG) All Categories
Address: APO AP 96553-0002

Sydney (CG) All Categories
Address: APO AP 96554-5000

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-250; 04-02-2001)

AREA	IV	NIV
Adelaide	Sydney	Melbourne
Australian Capital Territory	Sydney	Sydney
Christmas Island (Indian Ocean)	Perth	Perth
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Perth	Perth
Nauru	Sydney	Melbourne
New South Wales	Sydney	Sydney
Norfolk Island	Sydney	Sydney
Northern Territory	Sydney	Melbourne
Queensland	Sydney	Sydney
South Australia	Sydney	Melbourne
Tasmania (including islands in Bass Strait)	Sydney	Melbourne
Victoria	Sydney	Melbourne
Western Australia	Perth	Perth